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2012 Harford County Symposium on Drug Prevention, Intervention and Treatment

*Topics to include co-occurring disorders, bullying, substance abuse and
the impact of addiction on the family*

(Bel Air, MD) - - On Wednesday, June 27, 2012, from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., the Harford County Department of Community Services, Office of Drug Control Policy, will hold its Annual Symposium on Drug Prevention, Intervention and Treatment at Patterson Mill High School, 85 Patterson Mill Road, Bel Air, Maryland 21015.

Each year the Annual Symposium on Drug Prevention, Intervention and Treatment focuses on relevant and timely issues taking place not only in our county, but nationwide. This year’s theme is *Extremely Close but Incredibly Silent*, and will provide an opportunity to learn about current issues such as addiction, co-occurring disorders, bullying, abuse of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, internet safety and sexting, the impact of addiction on the family, and the science of addiction.

Justin Jones-Fosu, MBA, will give the keynote address on “*Finding Your Glasses of Successful Change*.” His plenary address will discuss “*Passion for the Goal: The MAP for Success*.” Justin Jones-Fosu is an inspirational speaker, a young-award winning entrepreneur, an innovative author and a weekly radio host.

The Symposium features a wealth of information for parents, teenagers, caregivers, social workers, probation officers, nurses, educators, and the general public. Topics are geared to enable participants to expand their knowledge on issues such as underage drinking and working with the domestic violence victim, as well as the latest trends in drug and alcohol abuse, intervention, prevention and treatment.

The Symposium includes a series of workshops with topics including: *Underage Drinking; Snapshot of RX Use and Abuse; Co-occurring Disorders; The Neurobiological and Psychological Impact of Addiction on the Family; The Teen Years Explained; Internet Safety; The Science of Addiction: A Brain Disease, Why are Teens Coming to Our ER?*; to name just a few.

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Registration, as well as a complete list of workshops, is available online at <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/services/drugcontrol/Symposium.cfm>. Disability-related accommodations are available upon request. For more information, contact bjmason@harfordcountymd.gov or 410-638-3381.

Six Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) will be granted for this training. Maryland Addictions Professional Certification Board, Maryland Association of Prevention Professionals and Advocates, Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners, Category I Program, or receive a Certificate of Attendance.

The 2012 Symposium is presented by FACE-IT, in partnership with the Harford County Department of Community Services' Office of Drug Control Policy; Harford County Public Schools; the Harford County Sheriff's Office; Father Martin's Ashley and Upper Chesapeake Health.

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“Preserving Harford’s past; promoting Harford’s future”